

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 997

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Sara Elizabeth Barnett,
2008 Salutatorian of Cornersville High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Sara Elizabeth Barnett is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Cornersville High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Sara Barnett has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Barnett has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities, such as the First National Bank Student Advisory Board; Junior Leadership Marshall; Future Teachers of America; the Business Professionals Regional Competition; Business Professionals of America, which she served as Vice-President for two years; and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which she has served as Co-Captain for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, her academic prowess has been duly noted with her receipt of numerous awards and accolades, including the Biology I, Spanish II, English I, English II, World History, American History, and Government/Economics Awards, as well as the Cornersville High School P.R.I.D.E. Award; and

WHEREAS, due to her scholastic achievements, Sara has served as a member of the Beta Club for four years and currently renders astute service as Vice-President, she has also been named to the National Honor Roll, and *Who's Who Among American High School*

Students, and has participated in the Math Competition at Martin Methodist College for two years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnett has accumulated vast leadership experience as a member of the student council, rendering astute service as a ninth grade representative, tenth grade Class President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer; she was also a Volunteer Girl's State Delegate, where she served on the school board and Governor's cabinet; and she participated in the Youth Senate Competition, where she was a district winner and regional competitor, in addition to participating in the TSAC Leadership Workshop; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious high school career, Sara Barnett has demonstrated tremendous athletic ability as a varsity member of the basketball and soccer teams, in addition to playing League softball; and

WHEREAS, Sara has been active in the community as well, involving herself in American Legion Auxiliary Unit 39, her church youth group, Freed Hardeman University Team Camp, and competing at the state and national level in the USA Junior Nationals Competition; and

WHEREAS, a giving person who is always eager to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate, Ms. Barnett has generously donated her time and talents to such worthy causes as Relay for Life, Cystic Fibrosis Walk-a-thon, Upward Bound Basketball Camp, Fundamental Dawg Basketball Camp, Shop-With-A-Cop, the Ronald McDonald House, the Sadie Gentry Cancer benefit, March of Dimes, Tanglewood Assisted Living Facility, the Angel Tree program, and nursing home visits; and

WHEREAS, Sara Barnett's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success in college, where she plans to obtain a degree in biology and secondary education and teach high school biology while coaching girls' basketball; and

WHEREAS, Sara's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jeff and Connie Barnett, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sara Barnett's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Cornersville High School Salutatorian, Ms. Sara Elizabeth Barnett, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.